

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3-4, 6-12, and 14-30 are pending in the application. Claims 16-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yoshioka et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,835,963 (hereinafter “Yoshioka”) in view of Watkins et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,937,436 (hereinafter “Watkins”). Claims 1, 3-4, 6-12, 14-15, 21-23, 25-28, and 30 are allowed. In this Amendment, claim 20 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants would like to gratefully acknowledge the Office Action’s indication claims 1, 3-4, 6-12, 14-15, 21-23, 25-28, and 30 are allowable in their present form. *See* Office Action dated 6/20/2006, paragraph 5. Applicants also gratefully acknowledge its indication claim 20 contains allowable subject matter. *See* Office Action dated 6/20/2006, paragraph 6.

To expedite prosecution of this case, independent claim 16 is amended to incorporate all of the limitations of allowable claim 20. Therefore, claim 16 is allowable in its present form. Claims 17-19 are allowable as depending from an allowable base claim.

For at least all the above reasons, the Applicants respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (408) 975-7500 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

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Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of August 6, 2007

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or §1.17 to Deposit Account No. **11-0600**.

Respectfully submitted,

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